Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 10 Mar 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 11 Mar 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 09 Mar 2022 at 17:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for generally poor conditions Thursday morning, improving in the afternoon, but a couple of hours uncertainty in timing of improvements. Moderate for Friday and Saturday, main uncertainty in timing and extent of any heavier rain on Friday, and showers on Saturday. Low for Sunday and Monday.

Headline for Thursday 10 Mar 2022: Low cloud and drizzle in the morning, dry with some sunshine in the afternoon. Cold with summit gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 10 Mar 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	80%	80%	40%	10%	10%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 10 Mar 2022

Weather: Extensive hill fog and patchy light drizzle through the early hours and morning, some wet snow on the higher summits. Turning dry by early afternoon with cloud lifting and breaking giving some sunshine in the afternoon. Clear spells to start the night, but cloud may increase in the east, perhaps giving some showery rain towards midnight.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% in the morning, 80-90% by mid-afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor with extensive cloud down to 400m in the morning. Becoming good by early to mid-afternoon with cloud lifting and breaking to leave summits largely clear of cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	17/19 SE	27/32 SE	36/44 SE	42/51 S	36/45 S	33/43 S	41/51 S	52/65 S	54/67 SE
900	11/14 SE	18/23 SE	24/32 SE	28/38 S	22/29 S	26/34 S	29/40 S	37/49 S	35/47 SE
600	6/8 E	12/15 E	29/34 S	37/45 S	25/32 SW	29/37 S	42/51 S	42/52 S	42/53 SE
300	3/3 N	7/10 NE	12/18 SE	17/25 S	15/22 S	15/24 S	21/33 S	18/28 S	22/34 SE
Glen	3/5 N	3/9 NE	4/8 E	10/22 SE	12/23 S	13/24 S	13/28 S	10/24 S	7/17 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-8	-1/-8	0/-8	1/-8	0/-8	-3/-12	-4/-14	-4/-16	-4/-15
900	-1/-6	-0/-6	1/-6	2/-5	2/-4	1/-7	-1/-9	-2/-11	-2/-11
600	2/-2	3/-1	4/-2	5/-2	4/-2	3/-3	2/-6	2/-6	3/-4
300	2/1	3/0	5/2	7/3	5/1	6/2	5/-1	3/-2	4/-2
Glen	4/3	4/2	5/4	8/6	7/4	8/5	6/2	5/2	5/3
Freezing Level*	800m	1200m	1500m	1500m	1300m	700m	700m	600m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds across the tops combined with rain, drizzle and sleet will give a notable chill effect. Very poor navigation conditions through the morning, improving in the afternoon, but note the lowering freezing level and strengthening summit gales.

Forecast for Friday 11 Mar 2022

Weather: Cloudy with showery outbreaks of rain, these occasionally heavy, some sleet or wet snow on the higher summits. Rain and summit snow turns more persistent in the evening. Severe gales for much of the day across summits.

Maximum wind: Southeast 45 mph gusting 60 mph, easing to 30 gusting 40-45 mph late evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance around midday. Falling to 10% or less in the evening

Low Cloud and visibility: Often very poor in cloud, bases around 800m, but lowering to 600m in showers. Cloud may lift to around 1000m at times, most likely midday and early afternoon. Cloud becoming persistent above 600m in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 9 or 10 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius rising to 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: Just above the summits.

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